

MONTANANS CELEBRATE AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE DAY

Friday, September 24TH, 2010

The fourth Friday of September was designated by the 1997 Legislature as ***American Indian Heritage Day***, in recognition of Montana's constitutional commitment to preserve the cultural integrity of American Indians.

The definition of a quality education in Montana includes specific language for the integration of Indian Education for All throughout the curriculum. *MCA 20-9-309.*

Activities that celebrate American Indian Heritage Day can create sustained interest in learning about the distinct and unique cultural heritage of American Indians, setting the tone and creating connections for a year of integrating Indian Education for All.

Spark interest with these activities...

- Display tribal flags, tribal specific posters, and literature by and about American Indians.
- Learn the names of all Montana reservations and tribes that live on them. Research how names of the tribes are spoken in their own languages.
- Explore nearby American Indian cultural and historical sites, or learn about them online.
- Invite cultural resource experts from Montana's tribal nations to visit.
- Display OPI Indian Education for All curriculum materials.

Explore the OPI Indian Education website for links to DVDs, websites, publications and lessons for most content areas and grade levels:

<http://opi.mt.gov/Programs/IndianEd/Index.html>

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